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36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Executive Order No. 2021-08

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is the following Executive Order:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-08: Relative to Further Amending Restrictions During Pandemic Condition of Readiness ("PCOR") 3

Thank you.

Senseremente,

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Executive Order No. 2021-08

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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-08**

# RELATIVE TO FURTHER AMENDING RESTRICTIONS DURING PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS ("PCOR") 3

WHEREAS, Guam has been in a state of public health emergency since March 14, 2020, when I first declared a need to prepare for and then address the effect of the 2019 novel coronavirus global health pandemic on Guam and its population; and

WHEREAS, since the first three (3) cases of COVID-19 were identified on March 16, 2020, Guam has experienced a total case count of more than seven thousand eight hundred (7,800) and suffered one hundred thirty six (136) deaths from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Guam has adopted a Pandemic Condition of Readiness system that places Guam in stages of criticality as it relates to the pandemic, with PCOR 1 being the most severe state and PCOR 4 being a return to near normalcy; and

WHEREAS, since February 19, 2021, Guam has been in PCOR 3, under which most businesses and activities have been permitted to operate under moderately restrictive conditions, including reduced capacities in all facilities with in-door operations and prohibitions and limitations of social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, in order to open our community, we must vigilantly guard against the disease coming in through our border, and keep Guam good, for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, a key component to our island's success at containing the spread of COVID-19 and broadly reopening business is continued implementation of a robust plan for vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, as part of the vaccination plan, the Department of Public Health and Social Services ("DPHSS") and the Guam National Guard, in partnership with non-profit social service providers, have held community vaccination clinics and utilized local clinics as partners to disseminate vaccines to their patients; and

WHEREAS, a team of Department of Defense personnel have been deployed to Guam to assist with vaccination efforts throughout the island; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this writing, over sixty two thousand (62,000) individuals have begun the vaccination process by receiving at least the first of two vaccine shots, with over forty thousand (40,000) individuals having received both doses; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the implementation of our phased vaccination plan, I, along with DPHSS, the Guam National Guard Surgeon Cell, and the Physicians Advisory Group will continue to monitor our island's response to our staggered reopening, so that further adjustments are made immediately as needed if necessary; and



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WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our community is positively impacted by physical exercise and the joy of competition; and

WHEREAS, competitive non-contact sports have recommenced and, with mitigation measures in place, our athletes have competed without causing COVID-19 clusters; and

WHEREAS, while our community has made significant advances in slowing the spread of COVID-19 by availing of opportunities for free testing and vaccinations and by practicing our mitigating measures, COVID-19 remains a significant threat to our public health; and

WHEREAS, it is my sincere hope that, as we again transition from one pandemic condition of readiness to the next, we remain vigilant in safeguarding ourselves and our community from the grave dangers posed by COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam as amended, do hereby order:

- PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 3. Guam continues to be in PCOR
   Under PCOR 3, most activities are permitted to operate under moderate restrictions.
  - a. PLACES OF WORSHIP. Effective at 8:00AM on Friday, April 16, 2021, places of worship may increase occupancy to no more than seventy five percent (75%) of occupancy load. Places of worship intending to operate under this modified occupancy load must submit revised facility mitigation plans to DPHSS in order to operate under this Section. Places of worship shall additionally observe all mitigation measures imposed in applicable DPHSS guidance, including, but not limited to, social distancing of at least six (6) feet and posting of appropriate signage; frequent cleaning of all surfaces; and mandating the wearing of face masks. Congregants of places of worship operating shall follow all mitigation measures imposed in furtherance of DPHSS Guidance.
  - b. **OPERATION OF BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES.** Additional businesses and activities are permitted to operate under such occupancy limits as set forth in applicable DPHSS Guidance.
    - i. COMPETITIVE CONTACT ATHLETICS. Effective at 8:00AM on Friday, April 16, 2021, contact athletics, including those available at educational institutions, may resume competition subject to applicable DPHSS Guidance, which shall include limits on spectators, requirements for sanitization, and the wearing of masks when practicable.
    - ii. INDOOR DINING FOR EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS. Effective at 8:00AM on Friday, April 16, 2021,



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indoor dining at eating and drinking establishments shall be permitted to increase occupancy to no more than seventy five percent (75%) of occupancy load, subject to requirement and limitations set forth in applicable DPHSS Guidance. Tables shall continue to be limited to no more than eight (8) persons when dining indoors, with six (6) feet distance between tables. Outdoor diners may be seated with no more than fifteen (15) persons per table, with six (6) feet between tables.

- c. MANDATORY SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER MITIGATION MEASURES. All allowed activities shall be conducted utilizing mitigation measures identified in applicable DPHSS guidance memoranda, including social distancing of at least six (6) feet and posting of appropriate signage; frequent cleaning of all surfaces; mandating the wearing of face masks unless engaged in physical exercise, eating or drinking; and permitting/encouraging teleworking.
- 2. PRIOR ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT. All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 14th day of April 2021.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attested by:

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Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lt. Governor of Guam